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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 23 October 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Liberia

Briefing by Mr. Anthony Nyakyi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Liberia

S/1996/858

Other matters

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United Nations Day Observance

This year's United Nations Day observance will be held on Thursday, 24 October 1996, at 10 a.m. sharp in the General Assembly Hall. Children from different parts of world will participate in the hour-long programme through a video conference. The President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General will address the gathering.

Members of delegations, non-governmental organizations, the media and United Nations staff are invited to attend the programme.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	informal meeting	Conference Room 2

[H.E. Mr. Daudi Ngelautwa Mwakawago, Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations and Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, will brief the Second Committee on the outcome of the most recent Bureau meeting of the Commission.]

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 2

Environment and sustainable development [97] (A/51/3 (Part II), A/51/87, A/51/131, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/210, A/51/211-S/1996/551, A/51/295, A/51/357, A/51/462-S/1996/831, A/ 51/375)

(a) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (A/51/3 (Part II), A/51/76, A/51/76/Add.1, A/51/ 510)

(b) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21 (A/51/420)

Conclusion of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	11th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Programme planning [114] (A/51/6 (Programmes 12, 13, 19 and 21), A/51/16 (Part I), A/C.3/51/5)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	12th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [101] (A/51/3 (Parts I and II), A/51/327, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/357, A/51/450, A/C.3/51/L.2, A/C.3/51/L.3)

2. International drug control [102] (A/51/3 (Parts I and II), A/51/68, A/51/87, A/51/93, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/129-E/1996/53, A/51/295, A/51/375, A/51/437, A/51/436, A/51/469)

3. Question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime [158] (A/C.3/51/7)

Conclusion of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda [136] (A/50/712/Add.1-3 and A/51/474)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116] (A/C.5/50/57 and Add.1, A/50/7/Add.16 and A/51/7/Add.1)

Continuation of general discussion

3. Human resources management [120] (A/C.5/49/63, A/C.5/49/64, A/C.5/50/64, A/C.5/51/1, A/C.5/51/2, A/C.5/ 51/3, A/C.5/51/6, A/C.5/51/7, A/51/304, A/51/421 and A/51/475)

Continuation of general discussion

4. Programme planning [114] (A/51/6 (fascicles), A/51/16 (Part I and II), and A/51/6 (Perspective and (Note))

Continuation of general discussion

5. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112] (A/49/98 and Corr.1 (English only) and Add.1-2, A/49/418, A/49/471 and Corr.1, A/49/560, A/49/633, A/50/507 and Add.1, A/50/753, A/51/16 (Parts I and II), A/51/124/E/1996/44 and A/51/128 and Add.1)

Introduction and general discussion

Informal consultations

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/50/11/Add.2))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

[Drafting Committee on the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (13th and 14th meetings)]

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OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE QUESTION OF EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION ON AN INCREASE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

Election of officers

Other matters

AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON AN AGENDA FOR DEVELOPMENT

Afternoon*	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

Election of officers

Other matters

HIGH-LEVEL OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Afternoon**	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

Election of officers

Other matters

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* Following the adjournment of the meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on an Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council.

** Following the adjournment of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of the General Assembly on and Agenda for Development.

HIGH-LEVEL OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

Election of officers

Other matters

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*Following the adjournment of the meeting of the High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Investments of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund
2. Membership of the Investments Committee
3. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC1-778
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC1-778

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

First session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 23 October 1996

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT: DRAFTING GROUP 1 OF THE WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Rom 9

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE: CONTACT GROUP

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

UNITED NATIONS DISARMAMENT F ELLOWSHIP, TRAINING AND ADVISORY SERVICES PROGRAMME

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77

(on Second Committee matters: Operational activities: Summit for Children, Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind and Implementation of the Convention on Biodiversity)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77

(on Second Committee matters: Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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The NGO Committee on Disarmament, in cooperation with the Centre for Disarmament Affairs and the Department of Public Information, will hold the second day of its three-day Conference on the theme "Disarmament Week 1996: Critical Discussions" *today*, 23 October 1996, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The panel will discuss "The Canberra Commission Report on the Elimination of Nuclear Weaons", from 10 to 12.30 p.m., and "The Canberra Commission on the Road to Abolitiion" from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting of the States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention *today*, 23 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber to discuss the draft resolution on the Convention and procedural arrangements for the Fourth Review Conference.

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The informal meeting of the States signatories of the amended Protocol II to the Convention on Certain Convential Weapons and all other interested States will be held *today*, 23 October 1996, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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There will be a CTBT informal Bureau meeting (open-ended) *today*, 23 October 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the following subjects: (a) Financial Rules and Regula- tions; (b) Provisional Budget (preliminary); and (c) Scale of Assessments (preliminary).

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on a draft resolution on agenda item 158 (The question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime) *today*, 23 October 1996, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room E. All interested delegations are invited.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency" *today*, 23 October 1996, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on Southern Hemisphere *today*, 23 October 1996, at 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the United Nations information on disarmament *today*, 23 October 1996, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Symposium

The United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the NGO Committee on Narcotics and Substance Abuse will hold a Symposium on the theme "Mobilizing Communities to Prevent Drug Abuse" *today*, 23 October 1996, from 1 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. The Symposium will be moderated by Dr. Herbert Kleber, Executive Vice-President of the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (Columbia University). The Panelists will be Ms. Jacqueline Butler, Professor at the University of Cincinnati and Executive Director of CPC/Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Ms. Maritza Rojas, Director of Evaluation of the C.E.D.R.O. (NGO) (Peru), Ms. Leanne Riley, Senior Prevention Specialist of WHO, and Mr. Gale Day, Chief of the Interagency Coordination of UNDCP. Introductory remarks by the Panelists will be followed by an open discussion. Members of delegations, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, accredited media, non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 24 October 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

3 p.m. 40th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Paul Biya, President of the Republic of Cameroon.
2. Address by Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.
3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States [22]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/297 and Add.1);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.5).
4. Universal Congress on the Panama Canal [28]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/281);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.4).
5. Observer status for the International Seabed Authority in the General Assembly: draft resolution (A/51/L.2) [160].
6. International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters [36]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/263);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.3).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 2
	Informal consultations	
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	13th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 3
	Informal consultations	
Morning*	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 13th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 1

[Working Group of the Whole on the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (13th and 14th meetings)]

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to agenda item 84 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) are kindly requested to notify the Secretariat (room S-3380, tel: 963-9223).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee are open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. Nicole Pouilleul, tel.: 212-963-5700, fax: 212-963-5935).

Informal meetings of the Second Committee

Mr. Mauricio de Maria y Campos, Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), will hold an informal executive briefing for delegations on industrial development cooperation (agenda item 95 (a)), on Friday, 25 October 1996, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Mr. Wally N'Dow, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)), will hold an informal executive briefing for delegations on Habitat Agenda (agenda item 96 (e)) on Monday, 28 October 1996, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the same conference room in which the Second Committee will meet.

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The Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations will meet on Thursday, 24 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The 1996 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1996 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Monday, 4 November 1996, at 10 a.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The second meeting devoted to this seg-ment will take place on Tuesday, 5 November, at 10 a.m.

The segment devoted to the 1996 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be convened on Monday, 4 November, at 3 p.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950G, ext. 3-2320/3-5973).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open beginning 28 October until 1 November. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Secretariat (Mr. A. De Barros or Ms. L. Bawar (tel.: 3-2320 or 3-5973, fax: 212-963-5935, room S-2950G)).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1996

The next meetings of the resumed substantive session of 1996 of the Economic and Social Council will be convened from 13 to 14 November 1996. The provisional agenda for the resumed session is contained in document E/1996/93. The following items will be taken up as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1] (E/1996/93)

   Selection of themes for the high-level, the coordination segment and the high-level segment on operational activities for development for the 1997 substantive session of the Council (E/1996/103)

2. Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: follow-up to General Assembly resolution 50/106: business and Development [6 (I)] (E/1996/99, E/1996/L.26)

3. Coordination questions: reports of the coordination bodies [9 (a)] (E/1996/18 and Add.1)

4. Non-governmental organizations [10] (E/1996/102)*

5. Programme and related questions in the economic, social and related fields [11] (A/51/16 (Part II))

6. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227: "Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields" [13] (E/1996/CRP.3/Rev.1 and CRP.5)

7. Elections [14] (E/1996/95 and Corr.1, E/1996/L.15/Add. 2)

* To be issued.

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An informal consultation of the Commission on the Status of Women will be convened by the Bureau of the Commission on Thursday, 24 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7. The consultation will continue consideration of the plans for the forty-first session, in accordance with the Commission's agreed conclusions 1996/1. Background papers on this issue have been prepared by the Secretariat of the Division for the Advancement of Women and these will be available at the offices of the Division (DC2-1250).

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1997* on Thursday, 31 October 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Second Committee matters: Item 114 (Programme planning)* on Thursday, 24 October 1996, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Second Committee matters: to be announced in the* Journal) on Thursday, 24 October 1996, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level) (briefing by Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD)* on Thursday, 24 October 1996, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Commonwealth Permanent Representatives on Thursday, 7 November 1996, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal meeting

There will be a CTBT informal meeting (open-ended) on Friday, 25 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, to discuss the following subjects: (a) Provisional Technical Secretariat; and (b) Working Group B (working programme).

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on "Consolidation of Peace Through Practical Disarmament Measures" on Thursday, 24 October 1996, from 9.45 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of co-sponsors and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on anti-personnel landmines on Thursday, 24 October 1996, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Regional Disarmament" on Thursday, 24 October 1996, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Presentations

There will be a presentation by the Director-General of UNESCO, Mr. Federico Mayor, on "Towards a Culture of Peace" (in conjunction with agenda item 110 (b)) on Friday, 25 October 1996, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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A presentation on the theme "Practical Implementation of the Habitat Agenda via Internet", organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, will be held on Friday, 25 October 1996, from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

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Briefings

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) will hold an informal briefing on Friday, 25 October 1996, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7. Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS, and Mrs. Sally Cowal, Director of External Relations on UNAIDS, will give a briefing on the major issues and latest developments of UNAIDS. All interested delegations, United Nations Programmes and specialized agencies are invited to attend.

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The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. José Ayala-Lasso, will hold a briefing on recent developments in the human rights programme on Friday, 25 October 1996, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All delegations of Member States are invited to attend.

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Forum

The Division of Public Affairs of the United Nations Development Programme and the African Amicale will host a Forum on "African Perspectives of the Security Council" on Thursday, 24 October 1996, from 12.45 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to mark United Nations Day. The Forum will be moderated by a Permanent Representative. The panelists will be representatives of African Member States who are currently, or who have been, members of the Security Council. Introductory remarks by the panelists will be followed by a question-and-answer period and an open discussion. Members of delegations, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, accredited medias, non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited.

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Announcement

The Economic and Social Council wishes to invite delegations, Secretariat staff and all interested colleagues to a gathering in memory of Mr. Goran Ohlin, former Assistant Secretary-General for Development Research and Policy Analysis, on Monday, 28 October 1996, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

The Presidency of the Security Council will conduct an informal briefing on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council at *3 p.m.*, on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of October, except on those days when no consultations of the whole of the Council are scheduled.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 22 October 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

3706th meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

Letter dated 8 October 1996 from the Representatives of Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/1996/838)

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/1996/865) which had been submitted by France, Germany, Italy, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, the United States of America and Uzbekistan and made oral revisions to the text of the draft resolution in its provisional form.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1996/865), as orally revised in its provisional form.

Decision: the draft resolution (S/1996/865), as orally revised in its provisional form, received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1076 (1996).

3707th meeting

The situation in Georgia

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to Security Council resolution 1065 (1996) (S/1996/644)

Report of the Secretary-General concerning the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia (S/1996/843)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Georgia, at his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/1996/866) which had been submitted by France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1996/866).

Before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of China.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1996/866) received 14 votes in favour, none against and one abstention (China), and was adopted as resolution 1077 (1996).

Following the vote, the President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1996/43).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 10th meeting

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements by the representatives of Ethiopia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Sweden, the Philippines, Chile, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Bahrain, Nepal, Germany (who, in his capacity as Chairman of the Disarmament Commission, introduced the report of the Disarmament Commission contained in document A/51/4), Papua New Guinea, Kenya and Hungary (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.2).

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 7th meeting

Effects of Atomic Radiation [82]

The Committee decided, without objection, to include the delegation of Mongolia in the list of speakers under agenda item 82.

The general debate on agenda item 82 was concluded with statements by the representatives of Ukraine, Brazil (also on behalf of Member countries of MERCOSUR - Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguau as well as Bolivia and Chile), Pakistan, Belarus, Malaysia, Peru and Mongolia.

At the request of some Committee members at the informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.3 on 17 October, the Secretary of the Committee read out a short brief on the mandate and budgetary provisions of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation.

The representative of Spain made a statement.

The delegations of New Zealand, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Japan and Mongolia became co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.3/Rev.1.

Following a statement made by the representative of Germany, the Committee adopted the draft resolution unanimously.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 82.

The situation in the occupied territories of Croatia [92]

The representative of Croatia made a statement.

The Committee decided, on the request made by the delegation of Croatia, to defer consideration of the item and to recommend its inclusion in the provisional agenda of the fifty-second session.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew members' attention to A/C.4/51/L.4 to L.6 relating to decolonization items.

The Chairman, on the proposal made by the delegations of Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic, decided to commence consideration of agenda item 84 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) to Wednesday, 30 October instead of 29 October. Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

The Chairman reminded the Committee on the deadline date for submission of any draft proposals on item 19 or amendments relating to the recommendations of the Special Committee on the items is on Tuesday, 29 October, at 6 p.m.

SECOND COMMITTEE 11th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [97]

(c) Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity

(d) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing Countries

(e) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(f) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

The Committee continued consideration of item 97, sub-items (c), (d), (e) and (f).

The Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity introduced the report of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (A/51/312).

Statements wee made by the representatives of Bolivia (also on behalf of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and Costa Rica, representing Central America), Brazil, Kenya, China, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Honduras, Australia, Jamaica, the Republic of Korea, Malta, the Philippines, Yemen, Japan and Barbados.

The representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations made a statement.

The Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity and the representative of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development responded to the statements made by delegates.

The representative of Trinidad and Tobago made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion on item 97 (c), (d), (e) and (f).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

12th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [97]

(a) *Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development*

(b) *Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21*

The Committee began consideration of item 97 (a) and (b).

The Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the state of preparations for the 1997 special session (A/51/420).

The Executive Secretary of the Interim Secretariat for the Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union; Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, Associate Countries, aligned themselves with this statement, as did Iceland), Tunisia, Mexico, Bangladesh, China, the Marshall Islands, Cuba, the Russian Federation, Ethiopia and Thailand.

The Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development and another representative of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development responded to the statements made by delegates.

THIRD COMMITTEE 9th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

International drug control [102]

Question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime [158]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of agenda items 101, 102 and 158.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Canada (also on behalf of Australia), Ghana, Brazil, Costa Rica, Malta, Tunisia, Lebanon, the Russian Federation, Cyprus, Barbados, Brunei Darussalam (on behalf of the ASEAN countries) and Mozambique.

The representative of the World Helath Organization made a statement.

10th meeting

The Committee continued its joint general discussion of agenda items 101, 102 and 158.

Statements were made by the representatives of Slovakia, Romania, China, Ukraine (also on behalf of the Republic of Moldova), the Philippines, Australia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Singapore, Pakistan, Viet Nam, Argentina, Azerbaijan, the Sudan and India.

Organization of work

The Chairperson reminded delegations that agenda item 114 (Programme planning) would be taken up in the Committee at its 11th meeting and that delegations were requested to submit their texts under this item by 6 p.m. on Thursday, 24 October 1996.

The Chairperson also informed that the informal consultations on items 103 (Advancement of Women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Conference on Women) would take place on Friday, 25 October 1996 at a time to be announced later. Mr. Mohammad Masood Khan (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, would conduct these consultations.

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Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea and Mali.

Human Resources Management [120]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), the Sudan, Burundi, Japan and the United States.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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International Convention on Civil and Political Rights

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1533rd and 1534th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by State parties under article 40 of the Convention

The Committee considered the third periodic report of Denmark (CCPR/C/64/Add.11). In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government, and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee in connection with the report.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement on the Establishment of the International Vaccine Institute, opened for signature at New York on 28 October 1996

On 28 October 1996, at 11 a.m., a ceremony which will mark the opening for signature of the Agreement, will take place in Conference Room 8.

Delegations intending to sign the Agreement at that time are advised to submit the appropriate full powers in time, preferably in advance of the ceremony to the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs (Room S-3200, telefax: 963-3693).

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, opened for signature at Paris on 14 October 1994

Ratification: Jordan (21 October 1996)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Food Day

A special ceremony to mark World Food Day 1996 under the theme "Fighting Hunger and Malnutrition" will be held on Friday, 25 October 1996 at 11.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The meeting will be addressed by H.E. Razali Ismail, President of the fifty-first session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jean-Marie Kacou Gervais, President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Dr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and Dr. Ivan L. Head, Professor of Law and Chair in South-North Studies (University of British Columbia) and former President of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) (Canada) as the Keynote Speaker.

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